

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 17, 29, 31, 32, 57, 59-64, 70 and 71; and amend Claims 16 and 66 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:

a pair of substrates;

a liquid crystal arranged between said pair of the substrates;

gate lines and drain lines on one of said pair of substrates;

a plurality of stripe electrodes disposed entirely within an area bordered by said gate lines and said drain lines;

a vertical alignment layer formed on one of said substrates;

said stripe electrodes including first and second groups of stripe electrodes which are in parallel to each other along a surface of each of the substrates and are alternately provided, the first group of the stripe electrodes being supplied with a first voltage, and the second group of stripe electrodes being supplied with a second voltage different from the first voltage;

a transparent electrode having an entirely solid surface and a vertical alignment layer formed on the other substrate; and

an insulating layer covering at least one of the first and second groups of stripe electrodes and arranged under the alignment layer formed on the one of said substrates.

substrates,

wherein a volume resistivity of the insulating layer is larger than a volume resistivity of the alignment layer, and the volume resistivity of the insulating layer is not less than $10^{13}\Omega\text{cm}$, while volume resistivity of the alignment layer is not less than $10^{10}\Omega\text{cm}$ and not more than $10^{12}\Omega\text{cm}$.

17-57. (Canceled)

58. (Original) A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:

pair of substrates;

a liquid crystal arranged between said pair of substrates;

a plurality of stripe electrodes per pixel and an alignment layer formed in one of said substrates;

a transparent electrode covering substantially the whole surface of the other substrate and an alignment layer formed in the other substrate;

an insulating layer arranged in said one substrate to cover said stripe electrodes; and

said insulating layer having openings above said stripe electrodes, said openings having tapered side walls.

59-64. (Canceled)

65. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a voltage supplied to the transparent electrode formed on the other substrate is the same as either the first voltage or the second voltage.

66. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display apparatus according to ~~claim 17, claim 16~~, wherein a voltage supplied to the transparent electrode formed on the other substrate is the same as either the first voltage or the second voltage.

67. (Canceled)

68. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 16, wherein each of said stripe electrodes is opposed to said transparent electrode, with the alignment layer and the liquid crystal being interposed therebetween.

69. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the liquid crystal has a positive anisotropy and is vertically aligned when no electric field is formed.

70-71. (Canceled)